omitted. It is purely a verbal amendment, necessitated by the addition of the words 'or otherwise' to the word 'stake' as it stood in the original Regulation.

Mr. A. M. Muthunayagom Pillai.—I second the amendment. I wish to have noted that the words 'or otherwise' introduced by the draft Bill are very necessary and they are borrowed from the corresponding Section 5 of the Bombay Gambling Act, IV of 1887.

Carried.

Mr. Muthunayagom Pillai then moved that the Bill be adjourned for final reading at a future meeting of which notice shall be given.

The motion was put and agreed to.

THE GOVERNMENT LAND CONSERVANCY REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. A. M. Muthunayagom Pillai.—Sir, the Select Committee's Report on the Government Land Conservancy Regulation Amendment Bill has been published in the Gazette and copies thereof circulated among the Members. I beg to move that it may be taken as read.

Seconded by Mr. N. Subramonia Iyer.

Carried.

Section 2.

Mr. Muthunayagom Pillai.—The words 'intended for public use' are, it seems to me, too wide. To bring particular lands within the operation of the Regulation, I think something more than mere *intention* is necessary. Further, the amendment, as it now stands, includes assessed as well as unassessed lands. To regard interferences with assessed lands by their registered owners as wrongful acts under this law will be a curtailment of their rights, in a manner, incompatible with their obligation to pay the assessment thereon. In the case of Government lands, only those that are unassessed come within the definition of 'Poramboke.' I therefore propose that Section 2 of the Bill be recast as follows:—

"The provisions of this Regulation shall also *mutatis mutandis* apply to all unassessed Sripadom lands and unassessed lands within the limits of private estates and Edavagais, if they are used or reserved for public purposes and are maintained by Government."

Seconded by Mr. N. Subramonia Iyer.

Carried.

Section 3.

President.—This Section does not appear to be properly worded.

Mr. A. J. Vieyra.—I beg to propose that the following be substituted for Section 3 of the Bill:—

"nor land of the description referred to in Section 15 A."

Seconded by Mr. K. P. Sankara Menon.

Carried.

Mr. Vieyra.—I beg to propose that the word 'further' in the second proviso to Section 5 of the Regulation be omitted, as it is rendered unnecessary by the omission of the first proviso to the same Section.

Seconded by Mr. A. M. Muthunayagom Pillai.

Carried.

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Mr. Vieyra.—I beg to propose that in Section 6 of the Regulation, instead of the words 'under Section 4,' the words 'under Sections 4 and 5' be inserted. This is a necessary corollary to the omission of the first proviso to Section 5.

Seconded by Mr. N. Subramonia Iyer.

Carried.

Mr. Vieyra.—In consequence of the recent amendment of Rules 5 and 6 of the Forest Rules, it is necessary to omit the first proviso to Section 5 of this Regulation, with which they are inconsistent. The Select Committee have recommended its omission in their Report. I beg to propose, therefore, that the following be added as Section 1 of the Bill and the other Sections re-numbered :—

"Omit the first proviso to Section 5."

Seconded by Mr. K. P. Sankara Menon.

Carried.

Mr. Muthunayagom Pillai then moved that the Bill be adjourned for final reading at a future meeting of which notice shall be given.

The motion was put and agreed to.

THE TOWNS CONSERVANCY AND IMPROVEMENT REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. A. J. Vieyra.—Sir, I beg to present the Report of the Select Committee on the Towns Conservancy and Improvement Regulation Amendment Bill and to move that it be taken up for consideration at once.

Seconded by Mr. K. P. Sankara Menon.

Carried.

Section 1.

Mr. N. Subramonia Iyer.—With the permission of the President, I beg to move that the words 'or the Peishkar of the Division when he is not the President' proposed to be inserted in Section 20 of the Regulation, be dropped. The creation of dual authority, as suggested, may be inconvenient in practice. Nor is there any great necessity for it. In all matters affecting human life, health or safety, the Division Peishkar has, in his capacity as District Magistrate, ample powers to interfere under the provisions contained in Chapters X and XI of the Code of Crimina Procedure. And if this is all that is intended to be served by the words proposed to be inserted, I see no harm in omitting them.

Seconded by Mr. M. Udaya Varma Raja.

Carried.

Section 2.

Mr. A. M. Muthunayagom Pillai.—With the President's permission, I beg to propose that the word 'shed' be inserted between the words 'any' and 'hut' in line 2 of clause (6) to Section 34 A. I think it is necessary to provide for the exemption of buildings which are meant for purely temporary purposes, as otherwise the law would work hardship to the public.

Mr. N. Subramonia Iyer.—I am for exempting all sheds from the scope of this Section by a distinct statutory provision and would not leave the Committee to do so in each individual case. But at this stage, I would not press it but merely second the amendment of my learned friend.

Carried.

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